

HAMBRIDGE PRIMARY NEWS



Executive Principal address:

As we come towards the end of, what has been, a very long term, we have been impressed by the children's continued enthusiasm for all aspects of school life. The last two weeks of term have, and are, packed with Nativity Plays, Christmas lunches, Carol Services and parties. There is certainly an air of Christmas spirit across all our Academy schools. As we break up next Thursday, 21 December, may I take this opportunity to wish all our governors, staff, pupils, parents and wider school community a very relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday, 8 January 2018!

With best wishes

Heather Barraclough
Executive Principal

End of Term Commendations

The following commendations are for those pupils who, over the term, have stood out in their classes for their own special reasons. Many congratulations go to:

Discovery

Annabel Clark: for having an "I can" approach to her work and always looking for a challenge!

Harry Knight: For always giving 120% in all that he does. Harry listens carefully on how to improve and quite enjoys the challenge!

Pippin

Elsie Lacy: Elsie has a very positive approach in all areas of her learning always willing to have a go even when things are challenging.

Massimo Pileri: for showing improved focus and determination to work more independently in all areas of his learning.

Kingston

Megan Jakeman: for always trying her best and for going that extra mile.

Lucy Attebery: for consistently working hard across all areas of the curriculum.

Bramley

Charlotte Lucas: for always having a positive attitude to learning and putting 100% effort into everything she does.

Liberty

Daniel Davies: for his consistently high approach to his learning. For always challenging himself.

Levi Chorley: for a fantastic start to his life at Hambridge. Always ready to learn and giving 100% in all areas of school life.

Disabled Space

A reminder for when we return to school that the disabled parking space beside the village hall is for disabled use only. We appreciate that

the yellow lines have faded but please can you bear this in mind.

Golden Tickets for December

Golden Tickets have been awarded as follows:

Discovery

Freyah Lock, Wright Hinchliff, Louie Williamson, Annabel Clark (x2), Kaiden Lush, Sophie Masters, Harry Knight, Avani Page

Pippin

Christopher Lucas, Massimo Pileri, George Burrige, Teddy Davis, Daniel Bulgin, Massimo Pileri, Etienne Richardson

Kingston

Logan Shelly, Lucy Bere, Amelia Lush, Ruben Spendlow, James Robinson, Amelia Blackford, Edwin Bates

Bramley

George Filmer-McCarthy, Lara Sweeting, Tom Robinson, Lily Davies, Lucie Evans, Kittie Davis (x 2), Toby Hamm, Ciaran Bulgin, Tilly Cable-Simpson, Keira Adams, Finn Winters, Lizzie Rodway

Liberty

Josh Hockey, Levi Chorley, Daniel Davies, Aaron Lavery (x 2), Annabelle Stone

Thank You

A very big thank you to Amanda Perrin who very kindly donated the Christmas tree to the school yet again this year.

Langport Library

For those of you who have pre-school children, Langport Library are holding storytime mornings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am – 10.30am from January 2018.

Clubs

There will be a new clubs list for online booking on the first week back. Therefore, apart from Breakfast and Woodpecker clubs, there will be no clubs in the first week.

FOHSA

The school would like to extend its sincere thanks to those members of FOHSA who have worked tirelessly organizing the Christmas party today, for Father Christmas to visit the

children today and for organizing yet another successful Christmas Fayre. The Fayre raised £660 of valuable funds which, over the year, FOHSA gives to the school for certain projects, trips etc. Thank you again.

Uniform

Although some parents may not always agree with a strict uniform policy, it has to be said that the school receives constant praise for how smart our children always look. Please can we keep up the smart appearance when we return

Roving Reporters Report

Hello

We are delighted to have been allowed to have our very own section of the newsletter. We give our apologies if this doesn't make all that much sense this week but, because it is our first week, we are just trying out what we will put in it.

About a week ago we had TESTS. Some students said they were fun and easy but a few said they were hard.

This week in Kingston they were learning about multiplication, Tudors and are reading Goth Girl. In Bramley they are doing prime numbers, Tudors and homophones. In Discovery they have been making shadow puppets and in Pippin they are learning multiplication and about the Great Fire of London. And finally, in Liberty, we have been learning division and multiplication and we have finished

our class book, Frankenstein. We thank our volunteers this week who have helped us out on writing this week's copy. So thank you Stanley Longly (Yr 6), Ivy Phipps (Yr 5), George Burrige (Yr 2), Grace Page (Yr 1), Olivia Hudson (Yr 4), Ruben Spendlow (Yr 3) and Jack Male (Yr 4).

We hope everybody has had a good week. We are also happy because we are on the run up to Christmas!!

Lottie Wild and Ruby Kelland (Year 6)



in January.

The Great Hambridge Bake Off

Well done to everyone who took part in our bake off competition this week. We have placed pictures of all the cakes made on the school blog on the website (<http://www.hambridgeprimaryschool.co.uk/school-blog>). Please have a look.



The cake sale afterwards raised £105.81 which will go towards school funds.

French Exchange

We have now booked the flights and taken out insurance for our pupils going to France from 18-23 May. Please can we remind all to check that passports will be in date in May and for those of you who need to update your child's passport to do so as soon as possible. It may also be a good idea to apply early for your child's EHIC card which they will need to bring with them.

Woodpecker Club

From January onwards Woodpecker Club will return to being on the school site and will be held in Bramley Class which we feel offers a much more stimulating and enjoyable environment for our pupils.

Carol Concert and Nativity

I hope you enjoyed the outstanding carol concert and nativity that were held this week. The children sang and performed beautifully and made the school extremely proud. Donations raised came to £236.43 which will go towards the KS1 play area and School in a Bag. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome

We would like to take this chance to welcome Mrs Louise Oakes who will be joining us in January to teach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays whilst Mrs Bond is on maternity leave. This will allow Mrs Chesterton to return to teaching on Thursday and Friday and allow her more time in her role as Head of School.

Mrs Oakes is a very experienced teacher and has already spent some time with the children.

Music

Mrs Read has advised the school that she will email all parents whose children play woodwind instruments of when their lessons will re-commence. She does have a couple of spaces for either the flute, clarinet or the saxophone. If your child is keen to take up an instrument please speak to the school office. We can advise that drums will take place on the Monday on the first week back before returning to Tuesday lessons the week after. Guitar will also be starting the first week back.

...and Finally

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have very kindly given Christmas gifts and wishes after what has been a very hectic term. I would like to thank all the members of our local governing body who have worked closely with me to help ensure that your children get the best opportunities possible.

I appreciate that sometimes as a school, we don't get everything right all of the time and, like we teach our pupils, we should learn through our mistakes to get better and better. I strongly urge our parents to work with the school if you think that some things can be done better. I believe firmly in the quote *If you're not helping making it right, then stop complaining about it being wrong.* Please remember that my door is always open for a chat.

I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year and am really looking forward to seeing you all back at school on 8 January.

With very best wishes

Nichola Chesterton
Head of School

SAFEGUARDING

**Don't think
"What if I'm wrong"
Think...
"What if I am right"**

If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads Immediately.



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
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Diary Dates:

PLEASE NOTE: Updates and amendments will be in red.

Date	Time	Event
8.1.18	09.00	Return to school
26.1.18		Vision screening for Year R
31.11.18		British Cycling in to work with Year 5/6
9.2.18		INSET day
12-16.2.18		HALF TERM
28.2.18		More Melody lesson by Taunton School
20 and 21.3.18		Parents Evening
19-26.3.18		Montpellier pupils arrive

Clubs:

Mon To be advised

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

- Please remember to let the member of staff know if you cannot attend the club on a particular session
- If your child is attending Woodpecker Club after the activity session, then the member of staff will direct them to the club.
- Clubs may be cancelled at short notice due to illness or inclement weather. We shall attempt to contact you, by phone or e-mail or via Facebook but will of course look after your child until the normal pick up time should we be unable to make contact or if this places you in a difficult position.
- Permission is not required as such for lunchtime clubs, but turning up for the club indicates a desire to be part of that club for the duration of the term. Remember *'winners never quit and quitters never win'*!

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